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IN THE OPINION of this writer, any such attempts will fail—or rather, they will not be made on the exact basis proposed by the Canadian Rocket Society. Not because this is a mechanical impossibility, but because of our complete ignorance of the physical nature of space between the worlds.

For example, the V-2 experiments have sent rockets up to 104 miles, and some very startling facts have been learned. It has been discovered that even within that minor distance range, fantastic conditions exist: conditions not even suspected by scientists, and actually contrary to previous scientific theory. There are layers where the temperature rises to incredible heights, as much as 800 degrees above zero.

At first the rocket experiments involved racing cars and cars mounted on railroad tracks, and it was in an experiment of this latter kind that Fritz von Opel met his death in a fiery explosion.

They had the assistance of their government in securing a rocket experiment field outside Berlin where they did amazing work in that made possible the deadly V-2 and V-3 which were turned American and British experience and cash with interest in death and destruction on a terrible scale.

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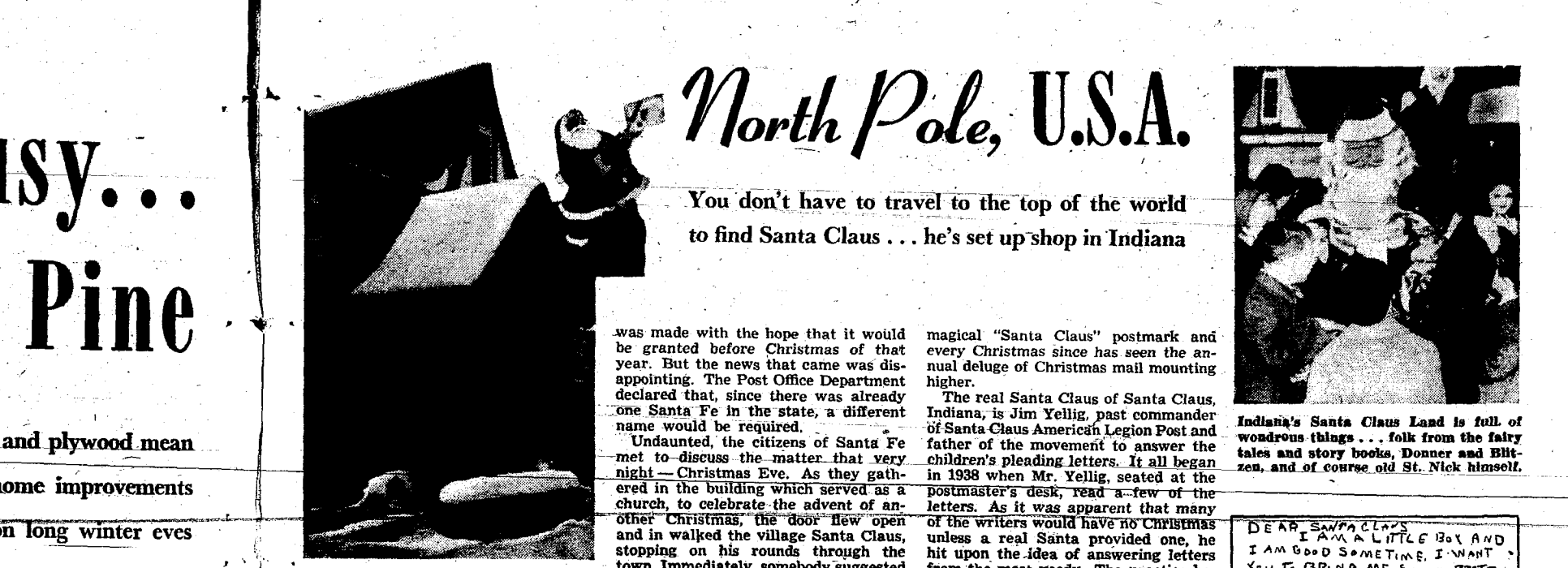
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## North Pole, U.S.A.

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was made with the hope that it would be granted before Christmas of that year. But the news that came was disappointing. The Post Office Department declared that, since there was already one Santa Claus in the state, a different name would be required.

Undaunted, the citizens of Santa Fe met to discuss the matter that very night—Christmas Eve. As they gathered in the building which served as a church, to celebrate the advent of another Christmas, the door flew open and in walked the village Santa Claus, stopping on his rounds through the town. Immediately, somebody suggested "Santa Claus" as a name for their village and the choice was unanimous.

The village gained some prominence after James F. Martin was appointed postmaster in 1907. He took a keen interest in children's letters to Santa, which were now being forwarded to the Santa Claus post office—and often sent little gifts "from Santa Claus."

The volume of mail from all over the United States and from New Zealand, Honolulu, Yugoslavia, Egypt, the Philippines, Ireland, England, South Africa, Tasmania and Italy, grew so large that the Post Office Department in Washington authorized Postmaster Martin to employ a larger staff of employees to handle the Christmas rush.

Then Ripley featured the little Spencer county house in his famous "Believe It Or Not" panel as the only Santa Claus town in the world. Thousands brought their mail there for the magical "Santa Claus" postmark and every Christmas since has seen the annual deluge of Christmas mail mounting higher.

The real Santa Claus of Santa Claus, Indiana, is Jim Yellig, past commander of the Santa Claus American Legion Post and father of the movement to answer the children's pleading letters. It all began in 1938 when Mr. Yellig, seated at the postmaster's desk, read a few of the letters. As it was apparent that many of the writers would have no Christmas unless a real Santa provided one, he hit upon the idea of answering letters from the most needy. The practice became so popular that it now takes the full time of Mr. Yellig and other members of the Legion post around Christmas time.

In three years, Santa Claus Land has blossomed into one of the state's most popular outdoor attractions, featuring among other thrilling sights the "enchanted trail"—a one-third mile scenic path along which folklike and lifelike dioramas of such famous Mother Goose characters as Little Boy Blue, Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, Jack and the Beanstalk, Humpty Dumpty and many others, appear in their original storybook settings.

Two miniature trains take visitors through the enchanted park area to watch the antics of a family of white mice, apparently from London, Blitzen, Cupid and Comet, then down Christmas Tree Lane and past Santa's Lodge... the home of Santa Claus.

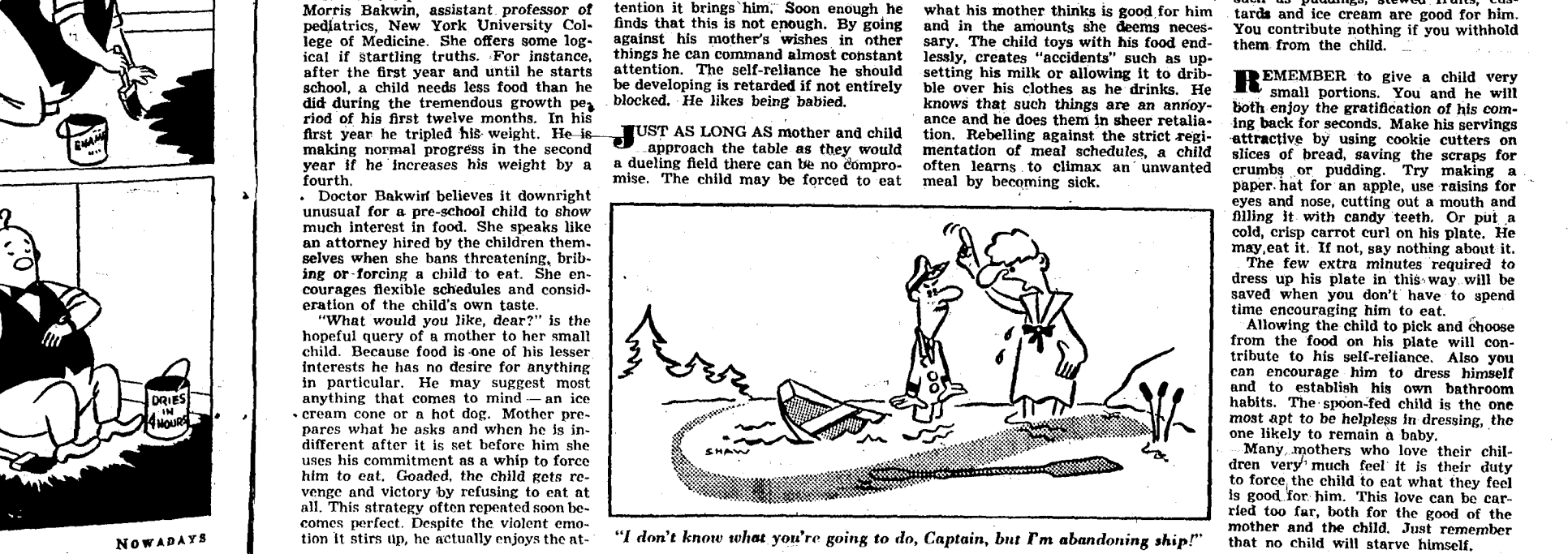
## Throw in That Sponge, Mom!

Let the child win out in a food argument, say the child specialists, and here's why:

One of the peacekeepers is Dr. Ruth Morris Bakwin, assistant professor of pediatrics, New York University College of Medicine. She offers some logical if startling truths. For instance, after the first year and until he starts school, a child needs less food than he did during the tremendous growth period of his first twelve months. In his first year he tripled his weight. He is making normal progress in the second year if he increases his weight by a fourth.

Doctor Bakwin believes it downright unusual for a pre-school child to show much interest in food. She speaks like an attorney hired by the children themselves when she bans threatening, bribing or forcing a child to eat. She encourages flexible schedules and consideration of the child's own taste.

"What would you like, dear?" is the hopeful query of a mother to her small child. Because food is one of his lesser interests he has no desire for anything in particular. He may suggest most anything that comes to mind—an ice cream cone or a hot dog. Mother prepares what he asks and when he is indifferent after it is set before him she encourages him to eat. Goaded, the child gets revenge and victory by refusing to eat at all. This strategy often repeated soon becomes perfect. Despite the violent emotion it stirs up, he actually enjoys the at-



"I don't know what you're going to do, Captain, but I'm abandoning ship!"

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## New Easy-to-Make Hot Rolls

With the new packaged mixes piping hot rolls can be an everyday feature in your home, not just a Sunday treat

By TONI De LAY NOWADAYS Women's Editor

- (1) Remove yeast from envelope in the hot roll mix package and dissolve completely in 1 cup of warm water (98 to 115 degrees F.). Add entire contents of package, then mix thoroughly to a stiff dough.
- (2) Let dough rise in a warm place (about 85 to 90 degrees F.) until high and double in bulk. This will require 45 to 60 minutes. Flour board, then turn out. Roll with rolling pin to 9x12-inch piece.
- (3) Cut into 12 3-inch squares. For sandwich squares place directly on greased baking sheet. For round dinner rolls, tuck under corners and place in pans that are well-greased; let rise to double in bulk.
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## The FIRE Red Barn

Red barns add to the country scenery but not when the red is fire. Here's how farmers can lick the fire jinx

By J. J. BRYSON

REGARDLESS OF the constant campaign of organizations such as the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the National Safety Council and the USDA, three out of four farmers continue to risk their lives, their families and their property investments by permitting unnecessary fire hazards around farms. Farm fires alone annually destroy almost \$100,000,000 worth of property, kill an estimated 3,500 persons and injure thousands more.

According to the Board of Underwriters, nearly all farm fires can be traced to two basic causes—faulty building construction and lack of knowledge. Realizing the importance of the fire problem to the farmer, the county, state and federal government leaders are now waging war on two fronts—prevention and protection.

In recent years the majority of states have authorized fire-fighting services in rural areas. The need for community fire protection has been emphasized by agricultural organizations, schools, civic groups and fire departments who are cooperating in a nation-wide educational program to inform the farmer of fire prevention procedures and precautions. They try to show the farmer that the best time to fight a fire is before it starts.

Whether it be negligence or lack of knowledge, the fire jinx sneaks around looking for a place to happen. In the Middle West have realized the need not only for prevention, but for equipment to fight rural fires.

The state of Michigan does an outstanding job of rural fire protection and fire fighting. Under the direction of the Fire and Marine Safety Department at Michigan State College, an educational program aimed at farmers emphasizes two phases. The eight or 10 most common causes of fires are stressed and farm people are urged, through newspaper and radio publicity, and at meetings, to look for and remove these hazards. Better protection facilities are suggested with respect to farm extinguishers and water barrel as well as community fire protection.

Community protection is provided by three principal plans. A few counties have county-wide protection administered by the County Board of Supervisors. Many townships own and operate their fire departments, either alone or in cooperation with neighboring townships. The third and probably the most common arrangement is where city and village fire departments give rural protection, usually on the basis of a contractual agreement.

In 1941, after the Michigan legislature made it possible for counties or townships to organize fire protection units, the Kent County agricultural agent made a survey of existing fire fighting apparatus and found that less than half of the county had fire protection, though all villages and towns had fire apparatus of their own.

With 15 townships left to be organized under the new county plan, an agreement was made with the county road commission to house and service the equipment at county garages. Subsequently, five fire districts were set up, and the board of supervisors appropriated \$25,000 for the cost of equipment and maintenance for one year. Five Bean high-pressure fog fire fighting units were purchased.

Kent County feels that it has a unique feature in that there is a driver at each of the trucks 24 hours a day, every day of the year. County road commission personnel drive the truck all week days from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For the other eight hours, plus Sundays and holidays, the county has hired a driver whose duty it is to not only drive the truck but to keep it and fire equipment in operation. The fire fighting is done by a group of over 400 volunteers.

NEBRASKA, TOO, fully realizes the need for rural fire protection. Since 1940, 20 districts have been organized and 150 more are in the process of organization. Two counties have complete coverage and interest is spreading rapidly. The Nebraska legislature, taking note of the mounting farm fire losses in their state passed a measure that allowed farmers to organize tax-supported farm fire districts. In a way, the farmers of fire-district communities now "own" their fire departments.

The Farm Bureau Rural Fire Department and the Hortonsville setup, both in Wisconsin, are two more good examples of what can be done by farmers who care. Farmhouse owners' trucks, both owned by Grant County farmers and townships.

But the folks in O'Brien County, Ia., claim to have the best fire protection service of any county in the United States. Back in 1941 the Farmers Mutual Insurance association of O'Brien County bought nine one-and-a-half ton trucks and equipped them to fight rural fires. The insurance association then contracted with the eight cities and towns in O'Brien County and with Granville in Sioux County to man the trucks for the runs into rural areas. In return, towns use the equipment for added protection.

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THE farmer scoured out his pond and dammed it up, thereby providing for a good water supply for nearby buildings.

Realizing that a fire's outcome will depend upon him during the vital first few minutes, he has provided extensive fire fighting equipment.

There are three important ways in which farmers can cooperate with their fire department: provide a water supply of not less than 4000 gallons; either in a dammed stream, pond or cistern; possess a telephone; provide your fire department with a simple sketch of your farm which shows locations of buildings, roads, fences, drives, water supplies and pumping equipment. In the event of a fire or your place, they'll know exactly how to save invaluable minutes—and property.

Fred Roth, the Michigan specialist, claims that farmers could materially reduce the present high loss simply by eliminating some of the common hazards. Before the fire starts, a farmer commonly call this fire prevention, he says, "when actually it is FIRE FIGHTING with the chances for success the greatest. Before the fire starts is the easiest time to put it out—after that it may be too late."

Finced For Furnishing Minor With Liquor Milton Lapeer, 25, was fined \$50 and costs or 30 days in the county jail by Justice Emil Giegling Monday afternoon after he entered a guilty plea on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor by furnishing him with liquor.

Lapeer, who is on parole at the present time, was arrested in Frederic Saturday night by State Trooper Clarence Eklöf of the Grayling Post. The trooper charged Lapeer with furnishing liquor to and 18-year-old youth.

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(Continued on Page Eight)

**Engagement Announced**

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Ingalls wish to announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Betty Jane, to Harry J. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Miller. The date has been set for January 1.

**Loren's father.**

Lewis Howse returned to Detroit Sunday.

The Wm. Woodburns have purchased a Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox were called to Flint, Saturday by the illness of relatives.

Stanley Hummel has built a potato storage bin.

Miss Smith is feeling much better and able to get out again.

Keith Babbitt went to Detroit to seek employment.

John Owen, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Owen, celebrated his first birthday last week.

Mr. Robert Feldhauser went to Pontiac Tuesday for a few days.

**Fined For Minor Violations**

Milton Lapeer and costs or jail by Judge Monday for contributing to a minor violation.

Lapeer, wife Milton Lapeer, Frederick Stasch, Trooper Clarence Maylor and Lapeer were fined and 18-

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Frederick and Mr. and Mrs. M. Leach of Towne City, George Hennick of Twinning, Frank Middlefield of Mt. Morris, Rodge Weston of Mt. Morris, Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Ray and son, and son of Sand Lake, A. Schmidt of McFarquhar, Mrs. Victor St. James of Winona, Peter Winger and son, Mrs. W. J. Winger of Winona, Dangler and Mrs. Lewis Sch of Saginaw, and Mrs. and Lawrence Kallman of Mendota.

Larry Hazen of Port Huron, spending the night of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Moore.

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Here last Friday evening, the Vikings defeated the Manelawa team 20-10.

**Count**

famed "Count" Victor Lustig and counterfeiting outfit operated out of Chicago.

Of the 159 persons arrested in nation last year for counterfeiting activity, 37 were in Chicago, while were the "peddlers," innocent-apping individuals who passed fake bills and coins throughout the Middle W and received genuine money "change."

Another counterfeiter who snatched manufactured \$10 Federal reserve notes in his Detroit hotel room. That Secret Service agent, who turned his business was born out by toughness in knowing just who maker was. A man named Cary Young was the man who made the counterfeit \$10 note machine. He had been arrested and convicted months earlier for making \$5 bills, and an analysis of a spurious \$10 note marked it as Young's product. He's now cooling

cided in the first half and Viking five allowed to take a 10-0 lead at the first intermission. At the second half, substitute players were called in to do battle with a Vikings scored 21 points in the second half, while Manelawa's basket-keepers scored 10 points.

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With all the publicity given to the capture of counterfeiters over the years it would seem that a lesson would be learned by those whose laziness eventually causes their downfall. But never seem to learn that with free enterprise in this nation the easiest way to amass a fortune is to work honestly and steadily toward monetary success.



**OMES**

During the mid-1960s, Krasner

**OME!** The folks there celebrate gay and Mortimer Snerd, small gum and candy.

Borgen, who was born in Chicago, moved as an early age to the Michigan farm. Here he spots it on the map for brother Paul, Ereille.

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North and South America meet in the Midwest to find a solution to the problem of inter-American business

By CHARLESS HAHN



Author Louis Bromfield, famed owner of Malabar Farm, chats with Brazil's Dr. Jose d'Oliveira, president of the Rio de Janeiro Association of Commerce.

A BUSINESS CONFERENCE was held in Chicago September 19-22 which normally would be an exciting event as that a man had been bitten by a dog. But at this conference, the fourth plenary meeting of the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production, the proceedings were carried on in Spanish and Portuguese, as well as in English, and most of the delegates had traveled far from their Latin American homes.

To further distinguish this particular international conference, it was not called by any government or group of governments—it was a businessmen's conference, upholding the principle that free enterprise can work on an international level.

An international meeting of this kind might seem remote from the interests of the Midwest, but it is significant that Chicago was chosen for the location of the conference, passing over cities usually identified with Latin American trade, such as New York City, or Louisiana's New Orleans.

John L. McCaffrey, president of the International Harvester Co., noted in a speech before the conference the close relationship of the Midwest and Latin America in the field of international trade.

"Most of the products," he said, "of the United States which are desired and needed in Latin America are produced in substantial quantities in this area."

"This entire midwestern region," he continued, "is a network of railroads, highways and airways. We are ready to get you in Latin America by rail and water, or in certain circumstances, by air."

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Exports, however, dropped from their wartime peaks. Many Latin American goods were not needed so vitally in the peacetime world. Local inflation raised the prices of export goods. The heavy buying away not only the exchange gained from exports but the money built up during the war. Latin American nations woke up to the fact that

something had to be done, or they would soon be back in the same impoverished condition as before the war. Imports and exports had to be balanced, and this meant controls on commerce.

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Large amounts of capital are needed for such programs in Latin America. One of the principal points under discussion at the Inter-American Council meeting was a method of supplying the proper financial climate for such investments.

Although the problems discussed were almost terrifying in their complexity, it was felt that progress, unspectacular but solid, had been made at this year's plenary.

Latin America is one of our natural trade partners. We have much to offer them and they have raw materials which we can use to advantage.

Government, here and abroad is doing what it can to keep exports up—and that means keeping our imports up, too—but private industry must also help and is contributing greatly.

The recent conference of the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production has added the power of private industry both in Latin America and the United States to the drive for keeping inter-American trade at a high level.

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